



First Unitarian Church of Des Moines

1800 Bell Avenue Des Moines, IA 50315

Phone: (515) 244-8603 **Fax:** (515) 244-9761

Web site: *www.ucdsm.org*

STAFF:

Rev. Mark Stringer, *Minister*

Deb Dessert, *Dir. of Finance & Administration*

Tracy Beck, *Director of RE for Children & Youth*

Lori Emison Clair, *Dir. of Congregational Life*

Sheri Michaels, *Communications Coordinator*

Connie Price, *Bookkeeper*

Moira Leu, *Music Coordinator*

JoLynn Evans, *Office Assistant*

Ricky Klein, *Ministerial Intern*

Paul Francis, *Custodian*

BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

Phyllis Swink, *President*

Tom Thurtell, *Vice President*

Louise Alcorn, *Secretary*

Linda Appelgate

Tom Bierley

Jeff Chungath

Sara Karbeling

Ginny Malcomson

Curt Simmons

*First Unitarian Church of Des Moines invites people into
a respectful, authentic, and joyful religious community that
nurtures meaningful connections, pursues justice, and inspires service.*

December 19 & 20, 2009



ORDER OF SERVICE

Saturday, December 19, 2009, 4:30 p.m.
Sunday, December 20, 2009, 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Bruce Martin, pianist



Intoning the Chime

Call to Gather

Rev. Stringer

Anna Kraemer

Brass Quintet

**Combined Choirs;
Barb Klubal, bells**

Rob Heater and family

Bill Allen

**Combined Children's
Choirs**

Chalice Choir

**Ricky Klein,
ministerial intern**

(Sat) **Sing We Now
of Christmas** arr. by Ken Bauer

(Sun) **Christmas
Time is Here** arr. by Doug Mattsey

Sunny Bank by Eleanor Daley

Chalice Lighting Leader: Life is a gift for which we are grateful.
People: *We gather in community to celebrate the glories and the mysteries of this great gift.*
Leader: So let us kindle now the flame of our liberal religious heritage.
People: *In its glow, may our reason and our passion lead us to be true to ourselves, true to each other, and true to what we can together become.*

***Hymn #226** *People, Look East*

Welcome

A Bell Carol by Linda Spevacek

**The Night
Before Christmas** by Mark Weston

Responsive Reading *The Shortest Day* by Susan Cooper
Leader: So the shortest day came and the year died. Everywhere
Down the centuries of the snow white world
People singing and dancing to drive the dark away.

People: *They lighted candles in the winter trees.
They hung their homes with evergreen.
They burned beseeching fires all night long to keep the year alive.*

Leader: And when the new day's
sunshine blazed awake,
They shouted, reveling. Through all the
ages you can hear them,
Echoing behind us. Listen.

People: *All the long echoes sing the same delight this shortest day.
As promise awakens in the sleeping land
They carol, feast, give thanks,
And dearly love their friends.*

Leader: And they hope for peace.
And so do we.
Here, now and every year.

All: *Welcome Yule!
Welcome Christmas!*

***Hymn #1063** *Winter Solstice Chant*

Reading "The Moment of Magic" by Victoria Safford

Ricky Klein

Ocho Kandelikas by Flory Jagoda
(Congregation: "Una – Dos – Tres –
Kuatro – Sintyu – Sej – Siete – Ocho")

Choir

Sharing our Abundance

(Sun) **Have Yourself a
Merry Little Christmas** arr. by Dan Rager

Brass Quintet

Alfie the Christmas Tree by John Denver

Rev. Stringer

It's in Every One of Us by David Pomeranz

**Rev. Stringer with
Combined Choirs**

Feliz Navidad by Jose Feliciano

Senior Band

Story "Trouble at the Inn" by Dina Donohue

Rev. Stringer

Hymn #241 *In the Bleak Midwinter*

O Magnum Mysterium by Jeff Enns
Go Tell it on
the Mountain arr. Bruce Martin

Vocal Ensemble
Vocal Ensemble

The Little Drummer Boy arr. by Bruce Martin
We Three Kings arr. by Robert Sterling

Choir
Choir

Closing Words

Rev. Stringer

Where is the Light by Peter Mayer

Rev. Stringer, Brian
Banse, Choirs and
Congregation

* **Extinguishing** Leader: I extinguish the symbolic flame of
the Flame this gathering. May we carry its light into
the world.
People: *Let us go from this place, open to*
life, expecting to love, and prepared to serve.

Brass Quintet

Postlude: Jingle Bells arr. by Jack Gale

****Please stand as you are able.***

Translations

O magnum mysterium

O great mystery and wondrous sacrament,
That animals might see the birth of the Lord
As he lay in the manger/

O, Blessed Virgin,
Who wast worth of bearing our Lord Jesus Christ, Alleluia.

Ocho Kandelikas

Beautiful Chanukah is here, eight candles for me.

One candle, two candles, three candles, four candles, five candles, six candles, seven
candles, eight candles for me.

Many parties will be held, with joy and with pleasure.

We will eat pastelikos [a Sephardic delicacy] with almonds and honey.

UU Choir	Priscilla Witke	Chalice Choir	Special Guests
Andrew Curl**	Scott Berry	Adelia Brown	Trumpet–Audrey Husted
Anne Rozeboom**	Soren Kraemer	Vivian Copley	Trumpet–Chris Strohmaier
Ben Woline	Volker Liebeseller	Audrey Keairns	French Horn–Dan Peichl
Bill Paxson	** Indicates member of	Greer Simmons	Trombone–Ryan Rowley
Brad Leu**	<i>the Vocal Ensemble</i>	Jessie Heater	Tuba–Jayson Gerth
David Witke		Keenan Wieck	Percussion–Curt Smith
Deborah Rowe	Vocal Ensemble	Chess Montgomery	Guitar–Brian Banse
Deidre Fudge**	Barb Martin	Theo Chungath	Guitar–John Morrow
Donna Wallace	Bruce Martin	Addison Springer	Bass–Doug Hoffman
Ellen Taylor	Kirk Martin	Sydney Pelley	Bells–Barb Klubal
Jane Bibber	John Nielsen	Rowan Schlarman	French Horn–Anna Kraemer
Jane Rider**		Tevka Lackmann	
Jen Kurth	Fifth Principle	Quinn Emison-Clair	Moira Leu– <i>Director of</i>
Jo Cox	Singers	Sean Morrow	<i>Music</i>
Jon Royal	Lillian Keairns	Zoey Wieck	Karen Kraemer–
Karen Kraemer**	Sierra Emison-Clair	Brennan Wieck	<i>Children’s Choir Director</i>
Kellie Patterson	Adam Evans		Bruce Martin– <i>Pianist</i>
Louise Alcorn	Torin Lackmann		<i>and Vocal Ensemble</i>
Mary Hays	Stella Galligan		<i>Director</i>

Thank You to all Service Participants and Today’s Hospitality Team

Hospitality Teams:

Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Team leader: Cathy Mussett, Kathy Jorgenson, Chris Jorgenson, Maggie McGill, Ned Miller, Susan Bridgford, Pat Farland, Jeanne Bowles, Pam Olund, SuAnn Donovan, Jean Tauber. **11:00 service: Team Leader: Dagny Fidler,** Doug Hoffman, Jodie McKay, Price Flanagan, LeaAnn Flanagan, Diane Ford, Hazel Zimmerman, Jo Fitz, Connie Muetzel, Jenny Brown.

Bob Baker will also provide a special dessert.

Next Week’s Services:

“Christmas Eve Services” with Rev. Stringer

Wednesday, December 24, 4:30 and 8:00 p.m., Aud.

Family Candlelight Service at 4:30. Traditional Candlelight Service at 8:00.

Annual Holiday Story Service with Jane Bibber

NO Saturday Service this week

Sunday, December 27, 9:30 and 11:00 a.m., Aud.

Announcement: Des Moines Area Ecumenical Committee for Peace will hold a Prayer Service for Peace on Monday, December 28th at 7:00 p.m. at Urbandale United Church of Christ, 3530-70th Street, DM. Co-sponsored by First Unitarian International Peace and Justice Group.

UU Choir	Priscilla Witke	Chalice Choir	Special Guests
Andrew Curl**	Scott Berry	Adelia Brown	Trumpet–Audrey Husted
Anne Rozeboom**	Soren Kraemer	Vivian Copley	Trumpet–Chris Strohmaier
Ben Woline	Volker Liebeseller	Audrey Keairns	French Horn–Dan Peichl
Bill Paxson	** Indicates member of	Greer Simmons	Trombone–Ryan Rowley
Brad Leu**	<i>the Vocal Ensemble</i>	Jessie Heater	Tuba–Jayson Gerth
David Witke		Keenan Wieck	Percussion–Curt Smith
Deborah Rowe	Vocal Ensemble	Chess Montgomery	Guitar–Brian Banse
Deidre Fudge**	Barb Martin	Theo Chungath	Guitar–John Morrow
Donna Wallace	Bruce Martin	Addison Springer	Bass–Doug Hoffman
Ellen Taylor	Kirk Martin	Sydney Pelley	Bells–Barb Klubal
Jane Bibber	John Nielsen	Rowan Schlarman	French Horn–Anna Kraemer
Jane Rider**		Tevka Lackmann	
Jen Kurth	Fifth Principle	Quinn Emison-Clair	Moira Leu– <i>Director of</i>
Jo Cox	Singers	Sean Morrow	<i>Music</i>
Jon Royal	Lillian Keairns	Zoey Wieck	Karen Kraemer–
Karen Kraemer**	Sierra Emison-Clair	Brennan Wieck	<i>Children’s Choir Director</i>
Kellie Patterson	Adam Evans		Bruce Martin– <i>Pianist</i>
Louise Alcorn	Torin Lackmann		<i>and Vocal Ensemble</i>
Mary Hays	Stella Galligan		<i>Director</i>

Thank You to all Service Participants and Today’s Hospitality Team

Hospitality Teams:

Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Team leader: Cathy Mussett, Kathy Jorgenson, Chris Jorgenson, Maggie McGill, Ned Miller, Susan Bridgford, Pat Farland, Jeanne Bowles, Pam Olund, SuAnn Donovan, Jean Tauber. **11:00 service: Team Leader: Dagny Fidler,** Doug Hoffman, Jodie McKay, Price Flanagan, LeaAnn Flanagan, Diane Ford, Hazel Zimmerman, Jo Fitz, Connie Muetzel, Jenny Brown.

Bob Baker will also provide a special dessert.

Next Week’s Services:

“Christmas Eve Services” with Rev. Stringer

Wednesday, December 24, 4:30 and 8:00 p.m., Aud.

Family Candlelight Service at 4:30. Traditional Candlelight Service at 8:00.

Annual Holiday Story Service with Jane Bibber

NO Saturday Service this week

Sunday, December 27, 9:30 and 11:00 a.m., Aud.

Announcement: Des Moines Area Ecumenical Committee for Peace will hold a Prayer Service for Peace on Monday, December 28th at 7:00 p.m. at Urbandale United Church of Christ, 3530-70th Street, DM. Co-sponsored by First Unitarian International Peace and Justice Group.